

GREAT DISPLAY OF DOGS.

OPENING OF THE WESTMINSTER CLUB'S CANINE EXHIBITION.

Long Lines of Massive Dogs Surrounding Household Pets—Harry Hill's Mastiff Wins a Game Bull Terrier—Winners of Prizes

More than 500 dogs welcomed visitors to the opening of the Westminster Kennel Club's show in Madison Square Garden yesterday morning. Although it is called an exhibition of non-sporting dogs, there are many in the collection that would afford pretty lively sport if permitted to indulge in their natural propensities, notably bulldogs, bull terriers, fox terriers, bergundas, Danes, Leonbergers, dachshunds, and greyhounds.

The long rows of selected representatives of canine wonders are well worth an inspection. The exclusion of the great pack of bird dogs, such as setters and pointers, leaves abundant room for the display of other breeds in the great building. Toy dogs, of which there is a large assortment, were never seen to better advantage, the open wire cages bringing them into full view at all points.

The kennels of mastiffs, St. Bernards, bergundas, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, deerhounds, greyhounds, and sheep dogs are particularly fine and extensive, while the foreign and nondescript classes have filled better than at previous exhibitions here.

Among famous dogs the greyhounds seem to be Mother Demakie's greyhound imported by Mr. H. Smith of Worcester, owner of the champion prize winner, Friday Night. Mother Demakie has won many races and first prizes in England. She arrived eight days ago, and is now in a condition to race. Mr. Smith says that Friday Night has run 100 yards in six seconds, and that another racer in the kennel has run 100 yards in seven seconds. Mother Demakie is a very rapid runner. She starts her legs up as close as the blades in a pocket knife when she is in the race, and the dogs that run after her dash leave them as soon as she gets under way.

She is the imported rough-coated St. Bernard dog, Barry, 5 years, winner of nine prizes in Germany. Barry is an immense beast; 33 inches high. He has a massive head, a short neck, and a hump on his back. It is said by his handlers that he has saved many persons from perishing in Alpine snow.

Exhibitors of English dogs say that they are related about this class of dogs. A placard announces that \$5,000 has been offered for the dog. He had a litter of 12. Barry was sent over by Prof. Joseph Steele.

Robinson Crusoe, a cream-colored bulldog, not for sale, attracted the attention of sportsmen. He stands tall and erect, with a wide and wrinkled neck, terribly wrinkled, and his nose arched and very muscular. He is 24 years old, and was imported by Mr. J. E. Stebbins of New Haven.

Mrs. Theodore Van Kleeck of Poughkeepsie exhibits Betty, a white bulldog, which she claims is the largest in the world. She says the weight is 24, years old and weighs only 24 pounds. She was imported from England last fall.

Dandy, with mops of silky hair blinding his eyes, and covering their bodies to their toes, were considered gems among the exhibitors.

The purebred English dogs bear a close resemblance to wolves are under the care of Adam Weissel, a sailor on the Alert, who attempted to bring them to America through the help of the Grand relief expedition.

The dogs and sailor are in a spacious pen at the Fourth avenue end of the Garden.

There are 1,000 dogs on exhibition, and numerous competitors with points of excellence sufficient to knock some of the old champions out under the critical judgment of the expert judges.

Harry Hill's mastiff Dan created the sensation of the day. The dogs were being led around in pairs, and the mastiff, sniffing the air and tugging on his chain as if spoiling for a fight, Dan made a sprung lunge on President's right side, and the President turned to see him twist around to get at the mastiff. Dan sank his teeth into President's back, taking a vicious hold. President gave a groan. In his efforts to free himself, he twisted so much in his back, from which the blood flowed freely.

A tremendous howling and barking arose from the crowd, and the mastiff was unmercifully torn to pieces.

Dan was pulled off. It required five matches to sew up the wound in President's back.

The attendance during the day was slim. It improved during the evening, when many society people looked on at the performances.

The following prizes were awarded yesterday:

Champion Mastiffs—Dogs—Ascher's Kennel's Hero; Bitches—Hertford's St. Prince's Royal; St. Bernard's—Second; James Sminton Jr.'s, Imported Zulz; St. Bernard's—Third; Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, New Haven; Mrs. Bell's Queen II; Third, the same kennel's Liberty. Pug—John F. Beckwith's, Boston; St. Bernard's—Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; St. Bernard's—Third; W.

H. Young's Rihng second; R. Benson's Stelle's, third; W. H. Smith's, First.

Open-class Rough-coated St. Bernards—Dogs—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Bitches—First, Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Third; W. H. Smith's, First.

Open-class Smooth-coated St. Bernards—Dogs—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Bitches—First, Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Third; W. H. Smith's, First.

Open-class Fox Terriers—Dogs—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Bitches—First, Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Third; W. H. Smith's, First.

Open-class Dalmatians—Dogs—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Bitches—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Third; W. H. Smith's, First.

Open-class Spaniels—Dogs—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Bitches—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Third; W. H. Smith's, First.

Open-class Dachshunds—Dogs—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Bitches—First, Mrs. W. L. L. Hobart's, Greenwich; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Second; Mrs. H. C. Bell's, Boston; Third; W. H. Smith's, First.

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